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Larry Royster named Michigan Supreme Court Chief Clerk, Chief of Staff

LANSING, MI, May 24, 2013 – Attorney Larry Royster, Chief Clerk and Research Director for the Michigan Court of Appeals, has been named Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court effective May 28. He will also serve as the Supreme Court's Chief of Staff.

Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. announced the appointment today. "We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Larry's caliber fill these very important roles for the Court," Young said. "Larry's experience, legal expertise, and proven leadership skills make him the clear choice."

Young also praised outgoing Clerk Corbin R. Davis, who has served in that position since 1983. "Corbin is well known throughout the legal community for his dedication, integrity, work ethics, and good judgment," Young added. "It says a great deal about Larry that the Court found him to be a worthy successor to Corbin."

Royster joined the Court of Appeals Prehearing Division in 1985; he then served as a law clerk to Court of Appeals Judge Richard Maher. From 1989 to 1998, Royster served as supervisor of the Court of Appeals' new Senior Research Division, which prepares research reports for the court's longer, more complex cases. In 1999, he was named Court of Appeals Deputy Research Director, becoming Research Director two years later. In January 2011, Royster began serving as both Chief Clerk and Research Director for the Court of Appeals.

Royster graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree; he earned his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.